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Tammy Kirkland of Neshoba County, 1989 graduate, 4.0 average in mathematics, winner of the National Mu Alpha Theta Scholarship Award.

"COME HOME TO EC"

October 14, 1989

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ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

DR. WALTERINE HERRINGTON BELL

In 1954 the University of Mississippi School of Medicine admitted its second class. One woman had been admitted in the first class, and Walterine Herrington Bell was one of two women admitted to the second class. In 1958 when she graduated she not only fulfilled her goal of becoming a doctor in a field traditionally dominated by men, but she was also awarded the coveted Leathers Medal for finishing first in her class.

Walterine Herrington Bell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herrington, is a native of Newton County, Mississippi. She now resides in Jackson, Mississippi, with her husband Dr. Charles Bell, a former classmate, who is presently a psychiatrist on the staff of the state hospital at Whitfield. The Bells are the parents of two children, Dr. Charlene Bell Broome, a 1989 graduate of the University School of Medicine and presently in pediatric residency at Le Bonheur Hospital in Memphis, and Wally Bell, a National Merit Scholar and senior pre-medical student at Mississippi College.

After graduating from Union High School in 1950 as valedictorian of her class, Dr. Bell entered East Central Junior College. While at East Central she served as editor of the Tom-Tom, was a class officer and a member of Phi Theta Kappa and graduated as valedictorian. Dr. Bell said in a recent interview that she found all her courses at East Central to be challenging, and she especially remembers Mr. Frank Cross and Miss Una Harris as instructors who encouraged her to do her best academically.

Graduating from Mississippi College in 1954 with a perfect 4.0 average, Dr. Bell entered the University of Mississippi Medical School. When she graduated in 1958, she served an internship at the City of Memphis Hospital and then returned to Mississippi to work with the State Health Department at Sardis for two years. In 1962 she joined the staff at the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield.

In 1967 Dr. Bell completed a psychiatric residency at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky, and once again returned to Mississippi to assume the position of staff psychiatrist in the Women's Receiving Unit at Whitfield. Dr. Bell also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

In reflecting on her experiences at East Central, Dr. Bell said, "The instructors I had at East Central were certainly knowledgeable in their respective fields. But beyond the classroom, each person, including the president (Dr. L. O. Todd) was interested in every student. The administration and faculty were always available and willing to assist each student. I have always felt that East Central played a large part in helping me realize my lifelong dream of becoming a medical doctor."

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HOMECOMING LUNCHEON

Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

October 14, 1989

12:00 Noon

Mrs. Gloria McRae, Alumni President, Presiding

Entertainment	Ms. Leesa Lee, Pianist
Invocation	The Reverend Bernard Walton, President, Class of 1939
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Nominating Committee Report	Dr. Pam Kirk
Recognition of Homecoming Court	Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Recognition of Reunion Groups Classes Ending in "9" 1939 State Championship Football Team	Dr. Brad Tucker
Recognition of Special Alumni	Dr. Phil Sutphin
Golf Tournament Winner	Mr. Jamie Clark
Tennis Tournament Winners	Mr. Mike Anderson
Presentation of the Faculty of the Year Awards	Dr. Brad Tucker
Presentation of the Athletic Hall of Fame Awards	Dr. Brad Tucker
Presentation of the Alumna of the Year Award	Mr. Ovid Vickers
Presentation of the Alumnus of the Year Award	Dr. Richard Ethridge
Adjourn	Mrs. Gloria McRae

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

DR. EDDIE M. SMITH

To know Dr. Eddie M. Smith, sixth president of East Central Community College, is to understand the significance of the institution's recently acquired motto "With You in Mind." The two convey the same dynamism--dedicated service. Smith has spent his life preparing for and rendering service, and ECCC, which exists to serve, has expanded operations under his aggressive, innovative, and egalitarian leadership to enable a more effective performance of its responsibility.

A product of the Jackson and Noxapater school systems, Dr. Smith earned an A.A. degree at ECJC in 1963, B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Mississippi State University in 1965 and 1970 respectively, and a doctorate in higher education and administration at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1977. Taking his first teaching position in Natchez in 1965, he advanced from teaching science and administrative responsibilities on the junior and high school levels to an instructorship/administrative position with the USM branch there in 1970. From here he joined the junior college ranks with the Copiah-Lincoln District in 1972 from whence he was recruited from the Dean of Instruction's post to become East Central's president in 1985.

Along the twenty-four year route to the present, Dr. Smith built an enviable record of usefulness to church, community, and education. A Baptist, and presently a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, he has served various congregations as teacher, committee worker, organist, and deacon. His denominational service ranges from membership on an associational executive committee to his current position as vice-chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Education Commission.

Involvement in his community has been a primary characteristic of Dr. Smith. Wherever located he has been active in numerous civic organizations and projects, and in Decatur, among other responsibilities, he serves as board member of the Newton County Community Development Association and as president of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

It is in his chosen profession, however, that Dr. Smith has excelled and won state and national stature. Active in myriad honor societies, professional organizations and administrative groups including the prestigious Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools where he chairs the Criteria and Reports Committee, Dr. Smith is widely known and respected by educational leaders of the nation. Nowhere is his effectiveness more evident than in his leadership of his Alma Mater. In less than five years he has nearly doubled the school's enrollment, expanded its offerings, streamlined its administrative and planning processes, upgraded faculty credentials, improved its physical facilities, and greatly expanded the fiscal advocacy role of school personnel.

Dr. Smith is no stranger to honors as a recently-awarded Leadership Medallion from the University of Texas for national achievements in the field of community college administration would indicate. His own first-year observation that he was "so excited about the prospects for EC, and so filled with ideas for her advancement that it was difficult for him to sleep at night" explains this phenomenon. The evidence is that he has slept little; the vitality of ECCC verifies it!

Dr. Smith is married to the former Charlotte Flowers of Natchez. They have two daughters, Kelli, a senior medical student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and Wendy, a senior at Mississippi College.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

LLOYD LAMAR BLOUNT

In nine years of high school and collegiate football Lamar Blount was a member of the winning team sixty-five times and was a losing team member only eight times. He played end for three years at Philadelphia High School when Laurel and Meridian High Schools were on the Philadelphia schedule. He played end and fullback on the 1938 and 1939 teams at ECJC when the toughest of the junior colleges and two four-year colleges were on the schedule. None of his eight losses came at EC because EC was undefeated both years. In the fourth game of 1938 after two scoreless ties Coach Polie Sullivan moved Blount to fullback. He scored 86 points in the remaining six games and 100 points during the 1939 season. The 186 point career record still stands as the all-time career football scoring record at East Central Community College.

At Mississippi State University and at Duke University Blount continued leadership roles and outstanding football accomplishments. At MSU he was freshman class president and played both quarterback and tailback plus serving as captain of the freshman team. He was a member of State's only Southeastern Conference championship team as a sophomore. In the Navy V12 program at Duke he played halfback and made All-Southern Conference.

After service in World War II as a Marine lieutenant in the Pacific, Mr. Blount passed up his last year of college eligibility to turn professional. He played with the Buffalo Bills helping them to win a division championship in 1947 and then completed his career with the Baltimore Colts. While in pro football he acquired his only nickname in his total football experience. They dubbed him "Pappy" Blount. The Baltimore newspapers of the late forties repeatedly cited Pappy for his hard hitting style and leadership in helping to turn the Colts' program around. In his first game with the Colts he was pleased to help defeat the high flying Bills. In professional football as in major college football Blount continued to meet his East Central Junior College teammates on opposite sides. He gives them full credit; they were some of the best athletes in the sport.

In 1942 Lamar Blount married his high school and junior college sweetheart, Naomi Foster of Philadelphia. They have reared four children, Lynn Mayo of Oklahoma, Joe of Jackson, Jackie Wilcox of Meridian, and Kenny who is deceased. Both sons were football stars at Decatur High School and at Ole Miss and both made the Academic All-American teams. Both daughters are graduates of East Central and hold university degrees.

Since returning to Decatur in 1949, Mr. Blount has been a supporter of East Central and its athletic programs, helping the coaching staff in various ways. He has served for ten years on the college Board of Trustees and has recently accepted appointment to serve another five-year term. The Blounts are retired from dairy farming and now live on Broad Street in Decatur.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

EARL MARSHALL

While a football player at East Central Junior College, Earl Marshall played on the starting team both his freshman and sophomore years. Basically a "60-minute man," he played offensive and defensive end and was also a special teams member. He played in every game as a freshman and played every quarter as a sophomore. In fact, in more than half the games he never left the field. He was selected honorable mention All-State his freshman year and first team All-State his sophomore year. Also, as a sophomore he was elected president of his class.

Following his outstanding career at East Central Junior College, Mr. Marshall signed a scholarship to play football at Florida State University. However, after careful consideration and because he wanted to stay in Mississippi and later to coach, he decided to sign with Mississippi Southern College and enrolled there in January 1956. He was a member of the 1956 team, which posted an 8-1-1 record, and of the 1957 team, which maintained a 7-2 record. Both years the Golden Eagles played in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Florida.

Upon graduating from Southern, Mr. Marshall served two years in the U.S. Army, including a sixteen-month tour of duty in Frankfurt, Germany. Following his army stint, Marshall taught and coached in various capacities at Crystal Springs High School, Tylertown High School, and Baker, Louisiana Junior High School from 1960-1968. Governor John Bell Williams then appointed Marshall Assistant Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, a position he held from 1968-1972. Since 1972, Mr. Marshall has served as an agent with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and has won many sales awards.

Mr. Marshall has maintained strong ties with East Central and Southern, serving in various capacities for each school. At East Central he is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and serves on its executive committee as vice president. In 1988 he initiated the first East Central Junior College Alumni Meeting in the Jackson, Mississippi, area, served as chairman of the committee, and had seventy-five people in attendance. He also helped to organize and then served as first president of the Warrior Club, which provides financial assistance to the college's athletic program. Among his many honors at Southern was his induction as a charter member of the USM Alumni Hall of Fame in 1989.

A Methodist, Mr. Marshall has been actively involved in church work as well as in community and civic endeavors.

Earl Marshall met Bobbie Jones of Forest at East Central during the fall semester of 1955, when he was a sophomore and she was a freshman. He remembers this as "the most important event" in his life although they did not actually date until both were students at Mississippi Southern. The couple has now been married for thirty-one years. They have three sons, Mike, a Jackson stockbroker, Mickey, sales manager for Jeffrey's Steele Company in Mobile, and Bob, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed in Kitzigen, Germany.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

WALTER ARNO VINCENT

When Arno Vincent came to East Central Junior College on a basketball scholarship in 1935, little did he realize that in less than twenty years he would become the third president of the college. Because he served as president, the name Arno Vincent is closely associated with the administrative aspect of the college. However, long before he became president, W. A. Vincent had distinguished himself as an athlete and a coach at East Central.

Arno Vincent graduated from Martin High School in Lauderdale County, and because of his outstanding achievements in both academics and athletics, he was recruited by the coaching staff at East Central. Although he came to East Central to play basketball, he was encouraged to go out for football and was a starting guard in the first football game he ever saw. He developed so well as a player that he made the All-State team during his sophomore year. That same year he was also chosen as a member of the All-State team in basketball. Remembering that football was a rough sport in the 1930's, Mr. Vincent recently recalled that he had his nose broken "at least twice" because helmets were not equipped with face masks.

Graduating from East Central in 1937, Mr. Vincent enrolled at Mississippi Southern College and received the B.S. Degree in 1939. While a student at Southern, he starred in both football and basketball and was elected team captain in both sports. His abilities as a member of Southern's football team earned him a place in the University of Southern Mississippi's Football Hall of Fame.

After graduating from Southern, Mr. Vincent taught and coached at Picayune and at Pass Christian. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as navigator, communications officer, and commanding officer with the Pacific Fleet from 1942 until 1946.

In 1947, he returned to East Central and served for sixteen years, first as assistant football coach, then as basketball coach, dean, and president. During the seven years as coach of the Warriors, his teams brought many honors to East Central. The 1953 team is the only East Central men's basketball team to win an overall state championship. This team played in the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas, and finished fourth in the nation.

Arno Vincent is married to a former East Central classmate, Ruth Carr of Louisville, and they have two daughters, Pamela Miller of Monroe, Louisiana, and Daphne Jenkins of Meridian. The Vincents also have five grandchildren.

Since that day in 1935 when W. A. Vincent first came to this campus, he has exhibited those qualities of leadership and service which have for the past fifty-three years endeared him to the faculty, students, and alumni of East Central Community College.